Amendments to the Abstract

Replace the abstract with the following replacement abstract:

~~Device and method for separating blood into leukocyte depleted blood components~~

A device for separating blood into blood components ~~comprising~~[[:]] has

[[-]] a collecting container ~~(2)~~ for receiving whole blood (WB),

[[-]] a first satellite container ~~(4)~~ connected[[,]] ~~in fluid flow communication~~[[,]] to ~~said~~ the collecting container ~~(2)~~ through a leukocyte filter ~~(22)~~ for receiving ~~from said collecting container (2)~~ a leukocyte depleted first blood component (PRP), and

[[-]] a second satellite container ~~(6)~~ connected[[,]] ~~in fluid flow communication~~[[,]] with ~~said~~ the collecting container ~~(2) through said filter (22)~~ for receiving ~~from said collecting container~~ a second leukocyte depleted blood component (PRC).[[,]] ~~and flow~~ Flow control means ~~(36, 38, 42) for allowing~~ allow fluid flow from ~~said~~ the collecting container selectively into ~~said~~ the first ~~(4)~~ or second ~~(6)~~ satellite container through ~~said~~ the leukocyte filter ~~(22)~~, whereby the whole blood ~~(WB)~~ can be separated into ~~a~~ the first ~~(PRP)~~ and second ~~(PRC)~~ leukocyte depleted blood component with ~~a~~ the single leukocyte filter ~~(22)~~. ~~Preferably the~~ The second satellite container ~~(6)~~ is further

connected to ~~said~~ the collecting container ~~(2)~~ through conduit means ~~(28b, 34, 16a)~~ by-passing ~~said~~ the filter ~~(22)~~, and the valve means are further adapted for allowing the transfer of an additive from ~~said~~ the second satellite container ~~(6)~~ into ~~said~~ the collecting container ~~(2)~~ only through ~~said~~ the conduit means ~~(28b, 34, 16a)~~ by-passing ~~said~~ the filter ~~(22)~~.

~~(Sole Figure)~~

For the examiner's convenience, a clean text version of the replacement abstract (149 words) is presented below:

A device for separating blood into blood components has a collecting container for receiving whole blood (WB), a first satellite container connected to the collecting container through a leukocyte filter for receiving a leukocyte depleted first blood component (PRP), and a second satellite container connected with the collecting container for receiving a second leukocyte depleted blood component (PRC). Flow control means allow fluid flow from the collecting container selectively into the first or second satellite container through the leukocyte filter, whereby the whole blood can be separated into the first and second leukocyte depleted blood component with the single leukocyte filter. The second satellite container is further connected to the collecting container through conduit means by-passing the filter, and the valve means are further adapted for allowing the transfer of an additive from the second satellite container into the collecting container only through the conduit means by-passing the filter.